

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION COMMITTEE (EHSRC)  
MINUTES

***April 3, 2014***

***10:00 AM – 12:00 PM***

Napa Valley Marriott Hotel & Spa – Hospitality Suite  
3425 Solano Avenue  
Napa, CA 94558

**Members Present:**

Ms. Terri Williams, REHS, Assistant Director of Environmental Health, California  
Conference of Environmental Health (CCDEH) Chair

Mr. Kelvin Yamada, Executive Officer, California Department of Public Health (CDPH),  
Environmental Management Branch Chief

Dr. Charles Mosher, MD, MPH, CCLHO Mariposa County Health Officer

Mr. David Conway, REHS, Director, Mariposa County Health Department

Mr. Carlos Menes, CP-FS, Senior Manager Food Safety – Sodexo, Private Industry

Ms. Sarah Crossman, REHS, Public Sector Member at Large

Ms. Graciela Garcia, REHS, CA Environmental Health Association

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

**Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program Staff Present:**

Mark Jude, REHS, Chief, Environmental Health Services Section, Environmental  
Management Branch

Veronica L. Malloy, REHS/RS,

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Antonio F. Machado, Ph.D., REHS, University Faculty

Dr. Lal S. Mian, Ph. D., REHS, University Faculty

Ms. Catherine Caldwell, MS, Senate Rules Committee Appointee

**Opening**

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order at 10:07 and asked that Ms. Crossman continue to chair the meeting on her behalf after her early departure. Ms. Williams was called into an emergency meeting in Los Angeles to discuss the Institutions Program currently managed under contract with the California Department of Public Health. She thanked the REHS Program for the expedient way the last Revocation Hearing was managed on October 3, 2013. She found it to be very professionally done and looks forward to participating in the informal hearing process in the future, when necessary.

**Election of 2013-2014 Officers**

Mr. Carlos Menes was introduced as the replacement for Mr. Todd Frantz, the Private Industry Representative to the Committee. Mr. Menes is employed as the Senior Manager in Quality Assurance & Food Safety for SODEXO. His office is

located in Newport Beach. Ms. Graciela Garcia moved to approve Mr. Menes as the Private Industry representative, Ms. Williams seconded. Motion was approved. Mr. Kelvin Yamada thanked all the past members for their participation on the committee Mr. Dean Peterson, Dr. Antonio Machado, Dr. Lal Mian and Mr. Todd Franz.

Ms. Terri Williams introduced another new member of the committee. She welcomed Mr. Dave Conway to the committee. Mr. Conway is the Director of the Environmental Health Division and the Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer for the Mariposa County Health Department. He was nominated by the CCDEH to fill the position vacated by Mr. Dean Peterson. Mr. Conway will fulfill his two year commitment ending January 1, 2016.

### **Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2014 Meeting**

The members were given a copy of the minutes ahead of this meeting. No further comments or discussion was offered. Ms. Crossman made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Garcia Seconded. Motion was approved.

### **CDPH Environmental Management Branch Update**

Kelvin Yamada, Executive Officer

Mr. Yamada announced the final plans for moving the Drinking Water Program (DWP) from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board was introduced as trailer bill language. Dr. Mark Starr is holding regular informational meetings with the staff of DWP and has announced the first movement of staff over to the State Board will occur on July 1, 2014.

Mr. Yamada announced some pending rewrites of regulation is occurring in the Medical Waste Program. After receiving comments from CCDEH, they are thinking to take the solid waste language and program out from the medical waste legislation.

Mr. Yamada announced the RBA method for rapid detection of coliform contamination is being proposed as SB1395. Mr. Yamada explains if the laboratory is confident in the results, it might be easier for local jurisdictions to use it in place of the Colilert method. Mr. Yamada continued to list some of the steps needed to replace one method over the other. The current regulation lists the EPA Method numbers and these all would have to change, additionally, bench testing would have to prove the same reliability using both tests.

Mr. Yamada also mentioned the incineration process that is used by Stericycle for medical waste disposal. He explains they are currently trying to permit the facility in Red Bluff. All med waste must now be shipped to Utah..

### **Continuing Education and Accrediting Agency Update**

Mr. Mark Jeude, REHS, Chief, Environmental Management Branch

Mr. Jeude reported the past Pacific Rim Shellfish Conference was well attended by many California REHSs that were interested in receiving continuing education units. He mentioned that the Drinking Water Program has regular webinars and might be interested in taping these and offering them as online opportunities for CEUs.

Mr. Jeude mentioned that Public Health Week and the State Scientist Day is scheduled in May 2014 and the REHS Program will have a strong presence at both events.

## **Educational and Professional Standards Subcommittee Report**

The subcommittee members include Dr. Machado, Dr. Mian, Ms. Crossman and Mr. Conway. Veronica Malloy is present at all phone conferences as an REHS program staff member. The members received copies of all the following meeting agendas: September 18 2013 and March 7, 2014. The full committee unanimously approved the recommendations from the subcommittee.

## **Discussion Items and Announcements**

Review of Training Coordinators Meeting Agenda: The Training Coordinators meeting was held on Tuesday April 1 2014. Ms. Malloy explained that updating the approved training plans for all counties is the main priority for this group.

Evaluation of Educational Record – Anatomy & Physiology – Option 1 – Ganz: In the interest of time, this item was sent back to the subcommittee for review

Appeal of CPS HR Consulting Evaluation – Folsom Lake College – Chem 306: In the interest of time, this item was sent back to the subcommittee for review.

Subject Matter Expert Panel Activities: Ms. Malloy explained that the SME panel met 3 times this past year to develop new questions and review questions that were sent back from the test candidates. Once the CPS HR Consultant contract is renewed, these activities will continue into the next fiscal year.

CPS HR Consulting – Job Analysis Study Proposal: Ms. Malloy received a cost estimate from CPS HR Consulting to conduct a job analysis. This project includes literature review, job statement development, SME Panels, reviewing the rating process, a discussion of data analysis, tasks linkage and the creation of draft exam plans. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$16,587.

California State University, Fresno – Site visit – Ms. Malloy announced the letter to schedule a site visit to the Fresno campus was sent out and called for a few volunteers to review the current curriculum and meet with the university contacts once the campus gives their response to the letter.

City of Los Angeles Training Plan – Ms. Williams suggested that some form of a contractual agreement must be put in place.

Benedictine University – In the interest of time, this item was sent back to the subcommittee for review.

**ADJOURNED AT 12:00**